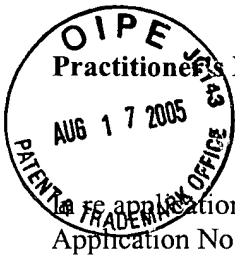


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Application of: Jeff Schulz  
 Application No.: 09/686,539  
 Filed: October 11, 2000  
 For: PARITY EXCHANGE

Group No.: 2663  
 Examiner: Christine Y. Ng

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)**

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:
- i. Prior to abandonment of the application

**ENCLOSURES**

3. Enclosed herewith is:

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10\***

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**FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).**

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 790.00

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	15	MINUS 20	= 0	x \$ 50.00	= \$ 0.00
INDEP.	2	MINUS 3	= 0	x \$ 200.00	= \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 360.00	= \$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE					\$ 0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

**TOTAL FEE(S) DUE**

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$790.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$0.00
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$790.00

### **PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE**

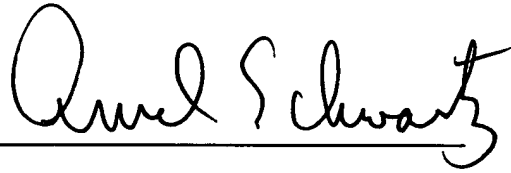
8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

Check is attached for the sum of \$790.00.

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 19-0737.

### **INVENTORSHIP**

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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